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JAPAN AND CHINA.

HIGH FEELING IN CHINA.

DELEGATES ACTION APPROVED.

[Wah Tze Yat Po Service.]

Peking, February 5.
A Paris cablegram states that after the presentation of the Chinese case at the Conference the international delegates, the Japanese alone excepted, rose and congratulated China. As a result the Japanese Minister taking advantage of the holidays and the silence of the Chinese press, demanded an interview with the Chinese Foreign Minister, requesting China to undertake not to disclose the secret agreement between China and Japan at the Paris Conference. He also demanded the silence of the Chinese Delegates about facts published in a certain secret agreement signed by Tsao Ju Lin but which was not ratified by the Government. The foreign press expressed a fear that the Peking Government may be weak enough to press a fear that the Japanese demands. All are looking to the Shanghai peace conference and Chinese public bodies to strengthen the hands of the Paris Chinese Delegates. Japan states that the Chinese Delegates' action at Paris causes serious embarrassment to Japan, and unless their attitude is altogether altered, Japan may resort to military measures. The Peoples' Foreign Relations Society, Educational bodies, and the Chamber of Commerce are sending circular telegrams to the provinces, requesting support. It is also understood that cablegrams have been despatched to Paris supporting the Chinese delegates.

The Internal Peace Conference opens at Shanghai to-morrow. Its first business is to approve of the Chinese Delegates' action. The American and British press in North China appeal to the Chinese people to present a united front. They consider Japan's action a big bluff, similar to the Japanese 21 demands also presented during the New Year holidays.

The foreign writers publish Articles demanding the recall of the Japanese Minister for his recent actions.

TO BUY OFF JAPAN.

Shanghai, February 6.
The Southern delegates and local prominent men have offered to subscribe \$3,000,000 to repay Japan. If Peking fails to raise the funds, Tong Si Yi has telegraphed Peking accordingly.

PEKING URGED TO REJECT DEMANDS.

Shanghai, February 6.
Cheung Chun-chang has wired reporting Japan's attitude towards the Chinese delegates and transmitting Japan's warning to him that China should control her delegates, otherwise recall them. Tong Sui-yi wired Peking urging it to reject Japan's demands.

Prominent Chinese at Shanghai sent circular telegrams urging the cancellation of the Arms Loan Agreement and repayment to Japan of the 3,000,000 dollars advanced thereon, and the disclosure of its terms, as it is reported here that Peking has expressed its willingness cable a warning to Koo Wai-kwan.

OBJECTIONS FROM NORTH AND SOUTH.

In view of Japan's demands, the members of all the Wopinghui bodies, including Hunh Hi Ling and Cheung Chien, have urged the delegates of both North and South to open the Conference as soon as possible. The northern delegates have also wired objecting to Japan's demands.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

THE PEACE CONFERENCE.

GREEK TERRITORIAL QUESTIONS.

London, February 4.
A communique from Paris states that the representatives of the Great Powers, after hearing M. Venezelos' statement, resolved to refer the question of the Greek territorial interests to an expert committee composed of two representatives each from the United States, the British Empire, France and Italy.

THE NEW PARLIAMENT.

MEETING OF HOUSE OF COMMONS.

London, February 4.
The House of Commons reassembled this afternoon. The House was crowded everywhere.

Sir Donald McLean the newly elected chairman of the remnant of the Asquithian party, Mr. Adamson the Parliamentary Chairman of the Labour Party, Mr. Clynes, Mr. Hodge, and Mr. Will Crooks were among those on the front opposition benches. Behind them were the Asquithian Liberals and the Labour Party.

The Opposition benches below the gangway were filled by overflow unionists from the ministerial benches. The only War Cabinet Minister on the treasury bench was Mr. Bonar Law, along with whom were the Food-Controller, the Minister of Education, and a number of whips.

Mr. Lowther was re-elected Speaker and all parties congratulated him. He said he was prepared to remain at his post for a year, and possibly a biennium. (Cheers.) He desired to be there when the signing of Peace was announced from the Treasury Bench. (Loud Cheers.) The House was adjourned.

THE RUSSIAN IMPERIAL FAMILY.

MORE DETAILS OF THEIR FATE.

London, February 4.
The Petit Parisien publishes new details of the murder of the Russian Imperial family according to which the grand-duchesses were violated under the eyes of their parents before they were killed.

GERMAN ARMISTICE COMMISSION.

NEW PRESIDENT.

London, February 4.
A message from Berlin to Amsterdam states that General Baron von Hammerstein has been appointed President of the German Armistice Commission at Spa in succession to General Wiltfeldt.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

THE STRIKES AT HOME.

STRONG DENUNCIATION BY EXECUTIVE.

London, February 4.
The Executive of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers has issued a statement disapproving of the present unofficial strikes, and urging its members to resume work immediately and thus enable the responsible Trade Union Executives to enter into negotiations with the employers.

The executive further states that a firm stand must be taken against the unofficial strike movement.

GOVERNMENT ASKED TO INTERVENE.

THREAT OF THE LONDON ELECTRICIANS.

London, February 4.
The Press Bureau states that the Ministry of Labour has received two resolutions passed at the unofficial Conferences of the London Engineering and Electrical Unions demanding the Government to intervene in the Clyde, Belfast and London strikes with a view to introducing legislation to secure a national 40 hour week with the object of absorbing unemployment.

The resolutions included a statement that if the Government refuses a general cessation will occur on February 6th; and in the case of the Electrical Union it is intended to stop the power stations in London. Agreements already exist between the Unions and employers fixing a 47 hour week, and the executives of the Unions concur in the Government's view that the circumstances do not justify Government intervention.

THE EIGHT HOURS DAY.

London, February 4.
The War Cabinet has refused to receive a deputation of the locomotive engineers. Mr. Bonar Law pointed out that when the Cabinet agreed to an eight-hours day it was clearly understood, by the Government and the Engineers that it was to be an eight-hours working day. Hence there was no room for misunderstanding.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE WAR.

DISCUSSION AT SOCIALIST CONFERENCE.

Berne, February 4.
The feature hitherto of the Socialist Conference is the decision to enquire who is responsible for the war. The French delegates M. M. Mistral, Renaudel, and Thomas quoted many well known facts showing that Germany was wholly responsible, and sarcastically referred to the part played by the German Majority Socialists. The German delegate Herr Wells alleged that Russia was responsible, and dwelt on the terrible effects of the blockade. He promised that the old regime in Germany would never be restored.

INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CHARTER.

Berne, February 4.
M. Branting emphasised his attempts to rally the Internationale against the war in 1914. He failed because the rulers of the Central Powers succeeded in making their people believe that it was a question of the defence of the Fatherland. He declared that the Conference was called to give Mr. Wilson the support of the workers. If the Conference only succeeded in incorporating an International Labour Charter in the League of Nations treaty, it would be justified. M. Branting declared that Socialism must be realised by ordered collective production, not by terrorism by minorities.

SPECIAL TELEGRAM.

UNVEILING CEREMONY AT SINGAPORE.

CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Singapore, February 6.
At the centenary unveiling ceremony, the Governor received the addresses of the local Chambers of Commerce, and the representatives of the Chinese, Mohammedans, and United Malays' Council. The Governor of the Netherlands wired, expressing his congratulations and wishing success and prosperity to Singapore. Thousands were present, and the day was observed as a holiday. Sports were held and there were also a fair and fireworks.

AFFAIRS IN PORTUGAL.

OFFICIAL DENIAL OF MONARCHIST VICTORIES.

We are indebted for the following communication to Mr. E.V.M.R. de Sousa, the Portuguese Consul in Hongkong.

We understand that His Excellency the Governor of Macao has been authorised to state that there is no truth in the news of the recent monarchist victories in Portugal. The Republican regime continues in force, and at a reception given by the new Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs, Dr. Francisco Manuel Couceiro da Costa, to the Diplomatic Corps on the 4th instant in Lisbon, the most cordial greetings were exchanged with the representatives of all foreign States.

ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

The results of the Chinese New Year Holiday Competitions are as follows:—

The Running Bogey Pool for men was won by A. Ritchie, 10 down, his being the only card returned out of 41 entries.

The Shanghai Foursomes on Saturday afternoon were won by Lt. Col. Harvey & Capt. Goode with a score of 94-10-84 net. There were nine entries. For the Mixed Doubles Medal Round competition on Monday afternoon there were 21 entries the winners being Mr. and Mrs. Ritchie whose score was 107-10-97 net.

It is notified that, in future, orders for meals and rooms at the Fanling should be given direct to Fanling and not to Happy Valley.

LAUNCH SUNK IN HARBOUR.

NO LIVES LOST.

At 7.15 yesterday morning a collision occurred between the steam launch Seagull, a fifty foot vessel belonging to the Kowloon Godown Company, and night soil junk No. 3 in the harbour at No. 5 buoy where the steamer Hanoi was moored. The impact was so violent that the Seagull sank in five minutes, immediately after she was struck and the boat was seriously damaged in the bow, but fortunately no lives were lost. The Seagull, which it will be remembered was sunk in 1916, was proceeding towards the Company's lighters which were alongside the French vessel. The night soil boat was sailing from a stone wharf to Shumshuipo.

Inspector Gordon brought the case before Commander Beekwith, R.N., at the Marine Court to-day for the purpose of deciding which party was for responsible the collision.

When Sergeant Bond arrived on the scene he found the occupants of the night soil boat had already abandoned the damaged vessel.

Chan Woo, the first defendant, and coxswain of the Seagull gave evidence to the effect that his launch was conveying a number of men from No. 2 wharf to the Company's lighters, reaching the s.s. Hanoi at 7.15 which was moored at No. 5 buoy. His launch was running nine knots an hour but at the stern of the Hanoi he reduced the speed as he saw the night soil boat was approaching under full sail and in favourable strong wind toward him. He blew two blasts signalling to the boat to alter her course.

He was near the lighters and about thirty feet from the Hanoi and everybody on board jumped to the lighter when the collision occurred. The boat struck the starboard side of his launch and five minutes later it sank. The boat made no step to avoid the collision. Mr. Robertson, representing the Godown Company, intimated that the defendant had been with the company for eight years and had no trouble before.

Mr. Charles Archee, overseer of the Godown company, said that he was on board the Seagull on the morning in question. She was proceeding towards the lighter when she was struck near the stock-hold by the night soil boat. The Seagull was by the side of the Hanoi when she was struck and she discharged the passengers after the impact. The night soil boat attempted to sail away.

Lo Man, second defendant and steersman of the night soil boat, stated he was assisted in the helm by two men while another stood at the bow to keep a good lookout. He heard no blasts blown and he intended to pass between the launch and the Hanoi.

His Worship: Do you think it safe as a steersman to go under full sail, between a steam launch and a big moored steamer thirty or forty feet apart? Is it your common practice to try such a journey?

Defendant: If the launch did not move it is quite safe. I did my best to avoid the collision.

His Worship: I don't agree with you. Chan Lum, a foki of the second defendant gave corroborative evidence and said that when they realised the position of their boat it was too late.

Mr. Archee, recalled, affirmed that when the collision happened his launch was about forty feet from the Hanoi.

Commander Beekwith found that the collision was caused by the reckless navigation of the night soil junk.

CHINA AND JAPAN.

NORTHERN COMMENTS.

[From the Canton Times.]

Peking, February 4.—Mr. Obata, interviewed this morning by Reuter's representative, Associated Press, Millard's Review, North-China Daily News China Press and North-China Star correspondents, said that he merely went to the Waichiaopu in a friendly way as the result of a telegram from the Japanese Delegation at Paris instructing him to bring to the notice of the Chinese Government the fact that the Chinese Delegates had promised to disclose to the Peace Conference certain secret documents referring to Shantung and other matters, which, in accordance with diplomatic usage, should only be disclosed by mutual agreement.

He did not receive any communication from Tokyo concerning the matter, and he did not know whether Tokyo had approached the Chinese Minister on the subject. He made no threats of military measures if assurances that the documents would not be disclosed were not given. He never referred to Great Britain or to internal troubles in Great Britain, and he did not threaten financial pressure on China. The Chinese Vice-Minister of the Waichiaopu had not replied: Mr. Obata believed the matter was referred to the other Allied Legations.

Asked "What is the position if China requested the Japanese to agree to publication and the Japanese refused?" Mr. Obata said, "Japan does not object to publication of the documents. The question is merely one of procedure."

Asked what the documents were, Mr. Obata said he did not know.

Asked whether Japan would agree to the publication of the Arms Contract of 1916, the Sino-Japanese Military Convention of 1918, and the Shantung Railway Agreement of 1913, which was signed at Tokio, Mr. Obata said they could be disclosed if necessary. He did not think it necessary that the Shantung Railway Agreement be ratified.

Asked whether or not it was usual for a Plenipotentiary to secure his Government's ratification of an agreement containing political considerations, Mr. Obata said he believed it was, but the Shantung Agreement did not contain such.

Reverting to the Peace Conference Mr. Obata thought it would be necessary to disclose to the Peace Conference all the documents bearing upon the subjects under discussion.

Replying to questions, Mr. Obata said there was nothing in his visit to the Waichiaopu to terrify the Chinese. He did not understand their alarm. It was very queer. He did not know whether Tokio had approached the Chinese Minister in connection with the matter. There was nothing very unusual in a Minister receiving and acting upon instructions from a Delegation or elsewhere without reference to his Home Government. Such matters depended upon the discretion of the Minister concerned.

It was not true that Japan was militarily demonstrating in Manchuria, or that the Consul-General at Mukden was urging Chang Tso-lin to bring pressure to bear upon the Central Government with a view to securing the adoption of the Japanese point of view. No arrangement had been made with the Chinese Government since the 1915 Agreement relating to Tsingtao.

Asked whether, in the event of China refusing to instruct her Delegates not to present the secret documents to the Conference, or by ignoring his visit to the Waichiaopu by not answering at all, a serious situation would arise for China, Mr. Obata said, "Not at all."

Asked whether Japan, in such circumstances, intended to exact a penalty or bring pressure upon China in any way, Mr. Obata said, "No; if China does not comply, it cannot be helped." Reuter.

TO-DAY'S CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

EXPORT OF RICE FROM KWANTUNG.

[Wah Tze Yat Po Service.]

The Nanking officials have sanctioned Kwantung's request to export 50,000 piculs of rice, notwithstanding objections raised by the Nanking Chamber of Commerce, which has wired a protest to Peking.

SALT SMUGGLING.

Another big attempt at salt smuggling, by the Seventh Division, in Honan, has been discovered. The salt has been confiscated.

The Government has refused to accept Fung Kwok Fun's resignation and is considering the question of his being punished.

CHIEF DELEGATE ONLY TO SPEAK.
The Northern delegates have accepted Tong Si Yi's proposal that the chief delegate only shall speak at the Conference.

BILLIARDS.

The Garrison Tournament.

The following are the results of the games played last night:—

Staff and Departments:

Staff Sgt. Leith 200

Sgt. Major Sainsbury 200

Q.M.S. Sheriff 200

The R. A. Sergeants' Mess.

Sergt. Gillard 186

Sgt. Major Pragnell 154

Sgt. Major Youngman 161

This evening the R.A.M.C. will play the three remaining games with the 83rd Company, R.G.A.

The following games have been fixed for next week: Monday—

Staff and Departments versus R. A. Sergeants' Mess (Last two games). Tuesday semi final games, First Garrison Battalion Manchester versus 88th Co., R.G.A.

Thursday—Two final games.

COMMENTS ON JAPANESE DEMANDS.

Peking, February 5.—Probably no diplomatic incident in the history of Peking has aroused such interest as the recent Japanese demands. The opinion has been generally expressed that the desperate representations made by Mr. Obata reflect the desperate situation of the Japanese militarists, but the public fails to understand how success could be expected to attend such tactics.

Astonishment, profound and deep, is the keynote of public opinion.

Mr. Obata's interview with the correspondents is humorously discussed, and the principal comments are:—If Mr. Obata merely drew the attention of the Government in a friendly way to a departure from the ordinary diplomatic procedure, why did not the Government promptly acquiesce? Why did the Government deem it necessary to refer the matter to the Diplomatic Committee of the Cabinet, and, according to Mr. Obata's own showing the Allied Legations?

The statement that Mr. Obata acted without Tokyo's knowledge is considered most interesting in its implied suggestion that the Japanese Delegation ignored Tokyo. It is asked whether the people's representatives at Tokyo are merely a cipher in the Island Empire's diplomacy.

These questions find no satisfactory reply. There is reason to believe that the Government has surmounted the first anxiety. No reply has yet been given to Mr. Obata, but it is believed that the Government realise that the end will be the same in any case, for it is impossible to hide the fact that if the Government ordered the Delegates to recede from the strong position they adopted, which would merely transfer the present diplomatic situation from Peking to the Peace Conference itself; that is, if the Chinese Delegation does not, as Mr. Obata said, the Japanese Delegation does possess the power to set quite independently of its Government.

Reuter's.

CROWN PRINCE'S ISLAND HOME.

IN A MODEST PARSONAGE.

Mr. George Renwick, the *Daily Chronicle* special correspondent in Holland, was on the Zuider Zee island of Wieringen when the ex-Crown Prince arrived there, and he telegraphs the following interesting description of the humble parsonage in which the Royal exile is now living:—

Port of De Haukes, Islands of Wieringen, Holland, Nov. 22.—William Hohenzollern, junior, German ex-Crown Prince, this afternoon reached this lonely little Zuider Zee island, which is to be his home for some time to come.

Wieringen has never achieved world fame before, being one of those quiet places which, having no history, is happy. It is off the tourist track in Holland; communication with the mainland is but meagre; agriculture and easy-going fishery make the inhabitants fairly prosperous. Half a dozen little villages are dotted over this green island, and great churches, racing windmills, and spacious farmsteads make the landscape a truly Dutch one.

On Wieringen one is well away from the busy world and its interests, and, truth to tell, the island would have preferred to have been left alone and not to have been rendered famous by the presence of one of the architects of the world-war. So many of the people are fishermen, and there are no fishermen of Western Europe who are not bitterly anti-German. And, indeed, the people of Wieringen evinced very slight interest in the notorious royal refugee. The ex-Crown Prince left the residence of Count Metternich at Swalmen, near Roermond, and proceeded by train to Enkhuizen on the Zuider Zee. There a small Government yacht was waiting for him and a suite of three officers who accompany him. No sooner had the vessel left that port, however, than a heavy mist settled down, and the captain was compelled to put into Medemblik for the night.

THE "VICTOR OF LONGWY." The journey was resumed this forenoon. Shortly after one o'clock the yacht, in tow, approached the tiny port of De Haukes. As it scraped the end of the pier in entering the harbour I had a good look at "the victor of Longwy," author of the "fresh and joyous war," who was standing on deck with his companions. For some minutes he was only two or three yards away from me.

He has changed a good deal during the five years since I saw him last in Berlin. He looks even more insane, even more like the "Simplicissimus" cartoons of himself, but he is heavier under the eyes, and his face has a somewhat bloated look. He still wears his "toothbrush" moustache; his effeminate hands toyed with the inevitable cigarette. He wore a forced, awkward smile as he returned with one finger the frigid salutes of a few people on the pier.

He was wearing an old tweed cap much too large for him, and was wrapped in a shabby fur-lined trench coat which made his slim figure appear almost Falstaffian. He was, indeed, a good cartoon of himself.

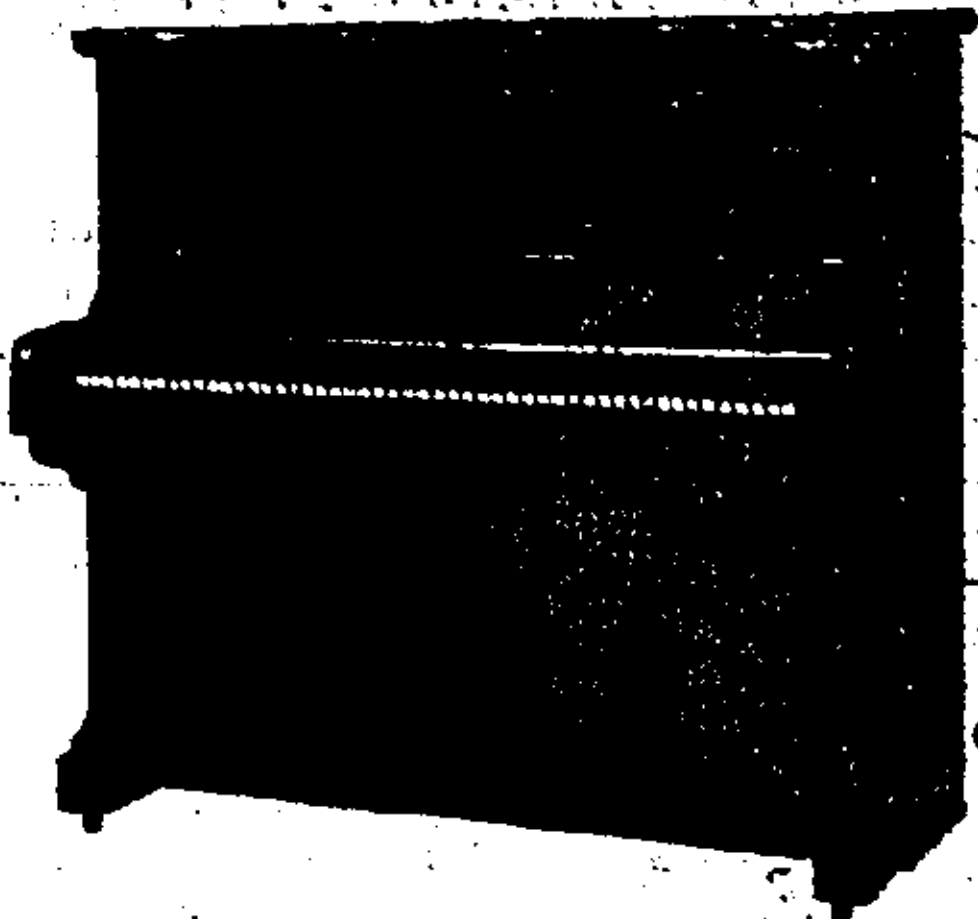
The yacht came slowly alongside the landing-place, and the Prince, obviously ill at ease, though struggling hard to look pleasant, waited for a few formalities to be completed. William of Hohenzollern, junior, shook hands with a few people on the yacht, and then skipped jauntily—it was a sad effort to appear unconcerned—into the carriage waiting a few yards away.

IN A DILAPIDATED GROWLER.

I couldn't help thinking it was only about six months since the world read the Kaiser's pompous message beginning: "This morning William stormed the Chemin des Dames." Here was the stormer of the Chemin des Dames scrambling into a carriage which was nothing but a dilapidated growler. No soldier presented arms, not a single cheer was raised; I did not see a single hat doffed. Half a dozen portmanteaux were brought ashore, and Major von Mueller, the ex-Crown Prince's adjutant, having entered the carriage, the vehicle went off at a funeral pace past scores of fishing boats, most of them long laid up on account of the the U boat war, some of them even

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having been under submarine fire. No one appeared to be interested enough to follow the slow-paced carriage. The little crowd went off about its business. "Did you see his coat?" said a quaint old fishwife beside me. "It still has the blood of the war on it."

A drive of half an hour brought the exile to his residence—the parsonage at the little village of Osterland. Here, again, he must have felt how far he had fallen. No sentry stood before the door. The adjutant rang the bell, and a Dutch manservant appeared and admitted the strange little band of refugees.

VISIT TO THE EXILE'S HOUSE.

It was at night in a thick mist that, in a small fishing boat, I sought the island of Wieringen from the mainland. Scrambling up over the rocks it was indeed like landing on some St. Helena. A slow-speaking, badly-dressed peasant offered to get a carriage and drive me to Osterland—he afterwards proved to be the richest man on the island.

We drove for three-quarters of an hour through the cold mist, and finally drew up before what might be a badly-designed Brighton villa, rentable for about £50 a year. It took some persuasion to get the Dutchman in charge of the house to show me over it. Eventually, having consulted those German non-commissioned officers who had already arrived, I was admitted.

First, I was shown the ex-Prince's bedroom, a very small apartment, with a single iron bedstead. On a table in the centre of the room stood already a large photo and miniature of the ex-Crown Prince, together with photos of the ex-Prince Eitel Fritz and the ex-Prince Oscar. Spread out around the photos were innumerable toilet articles and preparations. An oil stove burned brightly, and before it sprawled the exile's favourite greyhound, answering to the name of "Putzel." On the table lay the ex-Prince's first post—a single postcard with a Dutch postmark, and addressed to "Herr William of Hohenzollern."

Opposite is a still smaller bedroom, to be occupied by Major von Mueller. Downstairs is a combined sitting-room and dining-room, so small that a table to seat four leaves little space to move about. Adjoining that is a billiard-room, with a sad old French billiard table. I know the Prince does not play billiards, but he evidently intends to employ some of his enforced leisure by taking up the game.

WILHELM ON RATIONS.

The cloth appeared to have been out innumerable times and badly mended. Its previous owner apparently had a habit of putting down a lighted cigar or cigarette on the edge of the table or on the cloth. A sorry array of cues stood near, and the bells were much the worse for wear. It was as though the ex-Prince has to undergo Gilbertian punishment by playing "on a board untrue, with a twisted cue and elliptical billiard balls."

The house is so small that the half-dozen servants will have to "live out." Indeed, the ex-Prince's bedroom and sitting room are just such as might be rented

at Shepherd's Bush for 30s weekly.

During his stay on the island there will be no military guard, and his movements will be entirely under the control of the burgomaster of the island, Mr. Peersom. The exile will be regarded as a private person and will receive bread, butter, and meat cards just like anyone else. From his sitting-room he will be able to look over a piece of sad Dutch landscape towards the sea. The garden is not large.

Next door is the village Sunday school, and along what might be an English country lane stands the village of about a score of houses and little shops down which looks the tall, substantial spire of the village church. One would give something to hear the table talk in the parsonage, but there the world must leave the ex-Crown Prince alone for a while with his few companions and his own strange thoughts.

And probably the first to forget him will be the islanders among whom he lives. They simply are not interested in him. "The victor of Longwy," "the stormer of the Chemin des Dames," once heir to a great throne which is no more, will not be disturbed by the simple Wieringen people.

GENERAL NEWS.

CHINESE AT WINDSOR

The London correspondent of the *Japan Advertiser* writes that ten selected representatives of the Chinese labourers at the front are brought over to London every week. They are handed over by the War Office to the Chinese Minister who entertains them to tea at the Legation and then he passes them on to the Y.M.C.A. who see to their programme. They are taken to see the chief sights of the Metropolis, then to Cambridge where Dr. Barker, formerly of Wanchang, looks after them. Last week they went to Windsor where Princess Alice, the Duchess of Athlone, gave them tea, signed their postcards, and had them shown round the Castle explaining that had "the King not been absent he would have done it himself." Naturally they were very pleased. This episode may be commended to the notice of our confederates of the vernacular press who sometimes see "racial discrimination" through a magnifying glass. To foreign readers who may think that visits to Windsor and Royal autographs on picture postcards are overdoing it in the way of recognition for Chinese coolies, we would say that it would be a poor spirit that did not recognize that these men were fellow-fighters in a very useful if humble sense, and that a little friendly courtesy, in addition to their hire, is not amiss.

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HONGKONG, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1919.

HONGKONG AND EMPIRE'S WAR DEBTS.

A very practical suggestion to help the British Empire to shoulder the appalling debts incurred by the Empire for the prosecution of the Great European War comes from Australia. Reuter told us last week that the Hon. Mr. Watt, the acting Premier of the Australian Commonwealth, has formulated a scheme for the distribution of the burden of the war debt payment on all the Dominions and Colonies. He has suggested the formation of a Commission to take over the control of the Empire's war debts, the Governments of all the Dominions and Colonies to be represented on it. The Commission, Mr. Watt argues, should be empowered to convert the war debts into common stock, each Government being liable for its own obligations and make an annual payment of at least five shillings per £100 of debt, overtaken, the five shillings to go towards interest, redemption and interest distribution costs. In other words, a Sinking Fund is to be created for the purpose of wiping out the debt. What is conveyed is, we presume, that the Empire's debts are to be pooled, the patriotism of the Dominions and the Colonies towards the Mother Country being measured according as each Colony or Dominion is prepared to take the responsibility of wiping out the Empire's war bills. It is another instance of the solidarity of our Empire. The Dominions have incurred large debts, consisting of sums borrowed from the Mother Country for equipping their armies and, not content with paying only their own individual borrowings, we have now an expression of a desire on the part of our Dominions and our possessions beyond the Seas of contributing their share to wiping the Empire's war's debts off our slate. Next to their wonderful share in the achievement of victory for the Allies, this offer should send a thrill of joy at Home.

The Commission, which is to take over the British Empire's war debts, would assume the financial position next December, and it is interesting to know whether Hongkong is to come under the purview of such a proposal. We have no doubt that the call will be met most wholeheartedly. We have the machinery for such a job handy. The War Tax, which is imposed in the Colony for the duration of the war, would make a good showing, if it continues to be levied, against any contributions that smaller British possessions may desire to make towards the redemption of our National credit. Of course, the scheme is in its embryonic stage, and there is everything in its favour. It would be a great task for Great Britain to meet her war bill. How she is going to do it is giving our economists sleepless nights. We are on plash compared with Germany, Austria and Turkey, the latter of whom, it is declared, is on the eve of declaring her bankruptcy. Additional taxation must be eschewed and could not be levied at Home without creating great discontent, and probably a storm of protest. Those at home are taxed to the hilt. On every conceivable thing a tax has been imposed and we know that once a thing is taxed, even if we are told it is for the duration of the war, it continues for generations. Luxuries and necessities are all taxed and when Mr. Bonar Law suggested not long ago the conscription of wealth there was such a furore that the Chancellor of the Exchequer had to abandon the idea. Such a measure will serve to drive capital out of the Home country. Financiers are pressing upon the Government to give a pledge that they will never consent to any proposal to impose additional taxation on capital. The opinion is held in certain quarters that the War Debt having been contracted in a period of high commodity prices it will in effect be worth double the money, when prices come down after the war. In the House of Commons last April, Mr. Arnold, M.P., set out the following contention: "My argument is, that as we have borrowed enormous sums at a time of inflated prices, we ought to repay them at a time when prices remain more or less inflated. If we were to wait until prices have fallen perhaps 50 per cent., then when we come to redeem the Debt we should be repaying a sum which, in real value, would represent twice the sum we had borrowed. If I may illustrate this point in a homely way, I would put it like this. At the present time a man lends one pair of boots to the Government, but, later on, when prices are lower and the purchasing power of money is greater, it might be necessary, in order to redeem the debt, to return to the lender two pairs of boots." An admirable rejoinder is provided to this by the *Spectator* which states: "Beyond this very serious consideration there is the matter of fact that the figure of 207 millions (the Revenue) is itself deceptive. . . . To judge by pre-war standards, the present revenue is barely equal to 350 millions. Yet the obligations which the nation has incurred will still continue, and these obligations will still be expressed in pounds sterling, whatever the pound sterling may mean in goods and services. If the pound should recover its old value so as to be worth what two pounds are to-day, the country will still have to pay the two pounds in guaranteed interest or loans and in guaranteed pensions to wounded soldiers and to dependents of those who have fallen." Be that as it may, the voluntary offer of the Colonies and Dominions to contribute towards reducing the National Debt will be welcomed. An increase of the National Debt by £221,000,000, was the outcome of the Napoleonic Wars, but now we have added a sum greater than that to our debt every four months since the European war broke out. There are two alternatives in wiping out our war debts: one is by taxation, which we have already pointed out has practical difficulties almost insuperable at the moment, or the acceptance of gifts in the shape of yearly doles from the British dominions and the Colonies. If the latter can be done without injuring the trade of the country, why should the scheme not be put in action?

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

IMPERIAL PREFERENCE AND INDIA

The merchants of Calcutta are reputed for their level-headed ideas and their views on preferential tariffs so far as they are to apply to India's trade, are interesting. It is one of the best schemes, we think, that has been propounded by any Chamber of Commerce in the East and the Far East. The Calcutta merchants do not think that preferential tariffs, if adopted as a general policy, will be a panacea for all our trade ills after the war. After consultation on the future trade policy of India concerning tariffs, they have come to the conclusion that the policy to be followed in this connection should be based on the principle of reciprocity with preference within the British Empire, in other words that treatment of imports and exports from the British Empire should be made to depend mainly on the treatment accorded by Foreign nations to exports to, and imports from, British possessions. If a country is willing to extend to the British Empire the advantages of Free Trade then the Empire should be willing to trade with that country on the same terms. On the other hand, tariffs should be imposed against those countries who levy import duties on British Empire goods. There need not be a general policy of Protection except, perhaps, in the case of new industries until such time as they are well established or in the case of industries which are being substantially extended or re-organised.

THE SPREADING STRIKES.

The Reuter telegrams disclose further disquieting news with regard to the strikes at Home, where, with the exception of Glasgow, the situation is worsening. The principal grievance appears to be the refusal of the employers to agree to a forty-hour week, but owing to the Government adhering to a policy of non-interference, trades that have so far made no move have threatened to strike unless the Government steps in with the object of securing a settlement on a basis of a 40 hour week, in other words, enforcing the men's demands. Naturally the Government is very reluctant to take such action and it is doubtful, so far as can be gathered from the news to hand, whether Government interference would secure a settlement. The employers, rightly or wrongly, have boldly stuck to their guns and since they have been prepared to let matters reach the present serious stage it does not appear likely that they would calmly submit to the enforcement of the employees' demands by the Government, and there appears to be little hope of a compromise, at least for the moment. The collapse of the Glasgow strikes, if complete, might possibly have the effect of easing the situation but in the meantime, paralysation of London's electrical lighting and transport systems appears to be inevitable and the railways will be still further disorganised by a strike on the part of the clerks.

THE ARCH-CULPRITS.

We notice that the question of the punishment of those responsible for the war, and of those who were the instigators of the campaign of frightfulness has again been under discussion at a committee of which Mr. Lansing has been made president. The list of guilty is very large, but the committee must make it their duty to start from the top, and that means that the first two names to be disposed of are those of the ex-Kaiser and his son, the Crown Prince. There has been much discussion on the subject, but the results have up to the present been nil. We have heard the decisions of many of the most eminent legal authorities in Europe and America, but the ex-Kaiser and his first-born still remain secure within the frontiers of a neutral state. From his comfortable internment on the island of Wieringen, the Crown Prince has just given an interview to an American correspondent. It consists mostly of an attempt to represent himself as a quiet, inoffensive individual with little or no powers save to carry out orders, and with no leanings to militarism or responsibility for atrocities at all. It is not the first time he has so represented himself to an interviewer, but the public opinion of Europe is little likely to be taken in by the picture. In any case it is the duty of the Committee on the Responsibility for the War to lose no time in bringing them both to book.

DAY BY DAY.

The first game in the open billiard championship takes place this evening at the V. R. U. at 9 p.m. between Messrs. Pile and Hart.

There were no cases of communicable diseases notified as occurring in the Colony during the week ended February 6.

The Offices and Stations of the Chinese Maritime Customs for Kowloon and District will be closed to public business on Wednesday, the 12th instant.

The queerest sight in town to-day was a carriage driven by two ponies, carrying some commissariat goods. Perched on the dicky box was an Indian sepoy who was lashing the animals with a whip, which resembled a cat of nines. The ponies refused to go, and this is not surprising, as they felt they were in a strange land. A bit of Shanghai in Hongkong.

Mr. Lindell to a marine hawk: "What did you pay for them?" "Only 15 cents." "Then you must have stolen them. Ten dollars or 15 days. Oh, you have a conviction for stealing." "I have done nothing since I came out of gaol except hawking marine stores." "\$15 or 15 days." This conversation took place between Mr. Lindell and a Chinese who was found yesterday in possession of five pieces of iron and arrested by a constable in Bridge Street. The man said he was a marine hawk and that he purchased the stuff from a scavenging coolie. He had no license and now has to purchased his freedom.

More unostentatious charity is done amongst the lower class Chinese than is known among any other section of our community. At any rate, a certain Chinese's friendship with a coolie, who gave him two big bundles of onions cumshaw, has given the receiver much understanding, for when brought up this morning before Mr. R. C. Lindell he was fined \$25 or could spend three weeks in V. G. without his friend. Mr. Lindell: "What's the name of the coolie who gave you these?" The defendant: "I have quite forgotten his name. He is quite a new acquaintance." It is strange that defendant did not forget he was last month convicted for being in unlawful possession.

CORRESPONDENCE.

POT-HOUSE PARADIES.

(To the Editor of the "Hongkong Telegraph.") Sir, I shall be glad if you will extend to me the courtesy of a few lines of space to reply to the paragraph headed "Amusing incident at a local Cinema" in your last evening's issue. The writer of it seems to have extracted much amusement from the fact that he knows other than the correct words for the well known song "When Johnnie comes marching home." I am surprised that he did not derive equal entertainment from "The Soldiers' Chorus" from Faust, "The March of the men of Haarlech" and "The Lost Chord," which were also played, and to each of which there is also a pot-house version. His idea that we should have played the National Anthem in the middle of the film, thus bringing the audience to their feet and preventing those behind from seeing anything of the picture is grotesque, to say the least of it.

Yours etc.

H. W. RAY.

"Zoob." We consider it inadvisable to publish your letter as we have no desire to use our columns to give publicity to attacks on individuals, particularly when these letters are under the cloak of anonymity.

ADMIRAL TUDOR LEAVES FOR HONGKONG.

[By Courtesy of the South China Morning Post.]

Singapore February 6. Admiral Tudor is due to leave here by cruiser for Hongkong tomorrow.

ROBBIE'S LETTERS.

TO HIS NEPHEW IN AN ENGLISH HOSPITAL.

Hongkong, 5th Feb. 1919.

Dear Alick,

.....and, as a result, there were letters to the papers, winding up w' the usual formula about "taking up so much of your valuable space, Mr. Editor." The folks that write that sort of stuff have queer ideas about news value anyway. Well, as I said before, I never had much use for pasteurised warfare at the best of times and so I'm no' just what you'd call tickled to death w' Field Days myself, but at same time, each man to his own job; leave kicking to the mules. What we want to bolsh most about is no' so much the claws o' the beast but the whole beast itself. We don't want any more of this soldier piggin and the sooner the Army Act is short-circuited, as far as it concerns the Defence Corps, the better we'll all be pleased.

Aye, the Major's a very fine chap and everyone will admit that he's made a wonderful difference in the Corps. As regards the shooting, it might truthfully be said that in many homes to-day two silver cups now stand on the mantleshelf where none stood before. It might also be truly said that Field Days are good for us, but we never do like the things of this life that's good for us anyway. On the contrary, and incidentally, most of us die eventually through an overdose of the things we like best in this world. I could name a few of them off-hand—Wine, W—but none of the rest of the "W's" have any connection w' the subject anyway, which just proves my point, that we don't like this glorified Boy's Brigade business well enough to aspire to the collection of long age medals or military funerals in its service. So I hope that the Major'll need a telescopic sight to read the handwriting on the wall, otherwise, much as I like him, I'll no' go the length o' recommending him for a bar to his cross.

Our Unofficial Members wouldn't be thought unpatriotic now-a-days if they took this matter up: it's of more importance than pneumatic-tyred richness anyway. As a subject, it has one advantage; it's no' already flogged to death. Forbye, I think there's nothing more impressive than to see and hear an Englishman w' a full vocabulary dilate on a subject which he considers wrong in principle and which at the same time, interferes w' his Sunday golf.but every hair shirt has its bald spot. The King's uniform did MacPherson a good turn at the Chinese Fair last week. Janet and I thought that we'd take a daunderground and inspect the junk line as usual, and who should we meet but Mac on the road home looking as near like a soldier as a blackwood elephant and a brass tray would let him. "Hallo," said I, "have they turned out the military here to keep order?" But Mac just passed me the wink, never let on and steered a course for the car.

Now what do you think? I got the story the next day from Janet. Talk about Scotsmen being mean. No wonder you man's got his running expenses slowed down to a walk. A man that's mean enough to put on his uniform to go down to the Chinese Fair and pose as an ill-paid regular soldier (on the strength of pay at a 2/- dollar) in order to get cheap bargains in keeping w' his appearance, should be taken in hand by the military police and confined to barracks.

If this sort of thing is allowed to go on, the sooner we have a Consul for Scotland that we can go and complain to, the better it will be for the credit and good name of the Nation. I wouldn't for the world that story got abroad, for the "bang went saxe-pence" communique would be sure to claim him w' it at first hearing. Maw, I'm fair disgusted w' you man. Compared w' him, the average cock-boy is no' without honour save in his own country. I've known that kind take anything they could lay their hands on, from a red-hot cooking stove to a cancell-ed postage stamp but they never

SUMMARY COURT HUMOUR.

The usual air of conviviality which pervades the atmosphere of the Friday-morning conversation was greatly enhanced this morning and the new host's success with his guests was emphatic and immediate. Mr. Justice Melbourne met an unusual demand for "days" in a most accommodating manner; in fact he offered every day in the calendar and allowed the solicitors to choose for themselves. This attitude of give and take was reciprocated by Mr. Hind, who when his turn came, merely asked for second hearing "on some day." Mr. Bowley asked for a week's adjournment in one case, expressing the opinion that his client's absence was possibly due to non-recovery from the effects of Chinese New Year. Mr. Lewis said by that time the defendant might not have recovered from his financial difficulty. Mr. Gardiner objected to Friday saying "It is a most unlucky day, my Lord." Mr. Hind said if it was unlucky for one side it must be lucky for the other. His Lordship persuaded Mr. Gardiner that it might be lucky for him so Mr. Gardiner took the chance. No doubt, if he wins his case he will purchase a War Bond ticket on the strength of it. In another case Mr. Lewis asked for a fortnight but Mr. F.X. de Almada refused. After a little discussion his Lordship asked, in his most persuasive tones "Oh, have a fortnight Mr. de Almada" and Mr. D'Almada was absolutely unable to resist so courteously agreed.

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there would be a quicker and a better Peace. When the Germans dictated Peace and incidentally created the German Empire at Versailles in the early seventies the politicians were confined to the chorus on the stage; the Bismarcks and the von Moltkes being starred on the bill.

If you were ever so misguided as to take a wallop at a coolie and then thinking better of it, cumshaw'd him, do you think that he would ever understand that you did so because you were sorry, and not, as he would think, because you were afraid of him, the police, or the consequences? The same with the Germans. The only way to get at their finer feelings is the brutal way—by hammering their features w' something hard at three minute intervals. If this wasn't so the best punishment we could give the Kaiser would be to start a limburg factory in his neighborhood, or to board him w' a family that included a young man trying to learn to play the flute, or again make him read his own speeches every day. If we don't do something soon we'll get the kind of Kaiser we deserve, for, as Wells says in one of his latest books, "If we have no will to change it, we have no right to criticise it."

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The thirty-second ordinary annual meeting of the shareholders of the above Company was held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co. Ltd., to-day at noon.

The Hon. Mr. D. Landale, president, and there were present the Hon. Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., Mr. A. O. Lang, Mr. S. H. Doddwell, Mr. C. S. Gubbay, Mr. A. David, and Mr. A. H. Compton (Directors) and Mr. W. S. Brown, (Secretary) and Captain G. P. Lammert, Captain W. E. Clarke, and Messrs. P. R. Wolfe, P. Tester, Ho Leung, H. Percy Smith, T. Petrie, G. Grimble, W. L. Leask, H. W. Looker, A. Ritchie, G. S. Newall, C. H. W. Kew, C. B. Byers, A. E. Crappell, D. K. Moss, G. C. Moxon, A. E. Griffin, J. H. Kew, G. H. Potts, and H. M. H. Nemaze.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen, following the usual procedure, I propose, if you are agreeable, to dispense with the formality of reading the Report and Accounts. Your directors are pleased to place before you again a satisfactory report on the year's working, the chief increase in our revenue being derived from storage earnings, although, in spite of the continued increases in our working expenses, the returns from wharf work and lighter work have also improved to a certain extent. The whole of our establishment and plant has been utilised to the utmost extent throughout the year and the need for greater godown accommodation, especially for cargoes from steamers discharging at the wharves, is becoming more apparent. We look forward to the early completion of the new godown referred to last year to relieve the congestion, but it behoves us to make better use of the limited area of land owned by us, and with this end in view, your directors contemplate demolishing some of the older single storied godowns and replacing them by modern three or four storied godowns. We have also under consideration plans for extending some of the older wharves in order to anticipate the demand for berthing larger ships. The cost, of course, in view of the enhanced prices of material, will be heavy, but we are of opinion that it is necessary for the maintenance of our business to proceed with the work without delay. You will notice in the Report that it is proposed to transfer \$400,000 to the Reserve Fund. This account will then stand at \$1,000,000, and as the money has been utilised for improvements to the Company's properties such as building the new Steel Wharf and Reinforced Concrete Godown, &c., we are of opinion that it is desirable to capitalise this sum by issuing and distributing new shares among the existing shareholders. Further details of this matter will be forthcoming at an early date when the proposals are submitted for your consideration. Our dreaded visitors—the typhoons—dealt very kindly with us during the year, the damage caused to our property by bad weather being trifling. There does not appear to be anything else that requires special mention, and after the adoption of the Report and Accounts have been proposed and seconded, I will endeavor to the best of my abilities to answer any questions the shareholders may wish to put.

There being no questions, the Chairman proposed, and Mr. A. Ritchie seconded, the adoption of the Report and Accounts, and the motion was carried.

Mr. G. S. Newall proposed, and Mr. C. H. W. Kew seconded, the confirmation of the election to the Board of Directors of Mr. E. Shellim and Mr. A. H. Compton, and the motion was carried.

Mr. C. B. Byers proposed, and Mr. A. E. Crappell seconded, the re-election to the Board of Directors of Mr. A. O. Lang and Mr. E. V. D. Parr, and the motion was carried.

Captain G. P. Lammert proposed, and Mr. D. K. Moss seconded, the re-election as auditors, for the ensuing year, of Mr. H. Percy Smith and Mr. F. Matland, at a remuneration of \$500 each, and the motion was carried.

The Chairman then announced that dividend warrants would be ready, and could be had on application, on and after Saturday, February 8th, and the meeting terminated.

DAIRY FARM NEWS.

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T. F. HOUGH,
Clerk of the Course.
Hongkong, 6th February, 1919.

ARMED ROBBERY IN
WANCHAI.BANDITTI GET AWAY
WITH BOOTY.

Another daring robbery took place last night in Wanchai. This time the banditti displayed a chivalrous spirit and did not gag or tie the inmates of the house they raided.

At about 7.10 p.m. six men, four armed with revolvers and two with daggers entered a matted in We Yan Market Garden, right opposite the Victoria School in Caroline Road. They asked the inmates to sit down, but a revolver was pointed at the principal tenant of the place, who was a woman, and she was asked to hand over the keys of the safe, which she did.

From the safe jewellery and clothing to the value of \$70 were removed. As to how the robbers entered the place is told by an inmate. They came from Market garden to the place, the door of which was open, thus giving the thieves an easy admittance. No arrests have as yet been made.

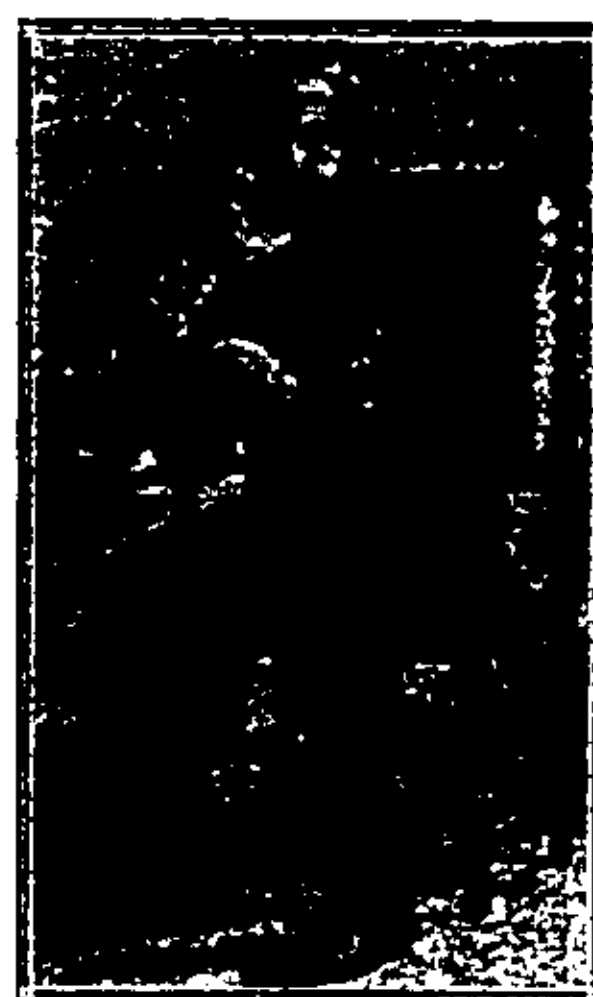
A ROBBER ARRESTED.

On the 30th ultimo a number of Chinese paid a surprise visit to the residents of Tung Street, on the top floor. They forcibly broke open the doors, and, getting in, they tied up, gagged and bound over one of the inmates. He was released only when another loki returned from the market, but in the meantime the thieves had made away with \$120.

One of these was produced this morning before Mr. R. C. Lindsell, and charged by Sergeant Wills, with having, with two others, committed an armed robbery with daggers.

The hearing was adjourned till Wednesday.

GIGANTIC DOCK LAUNCHED.
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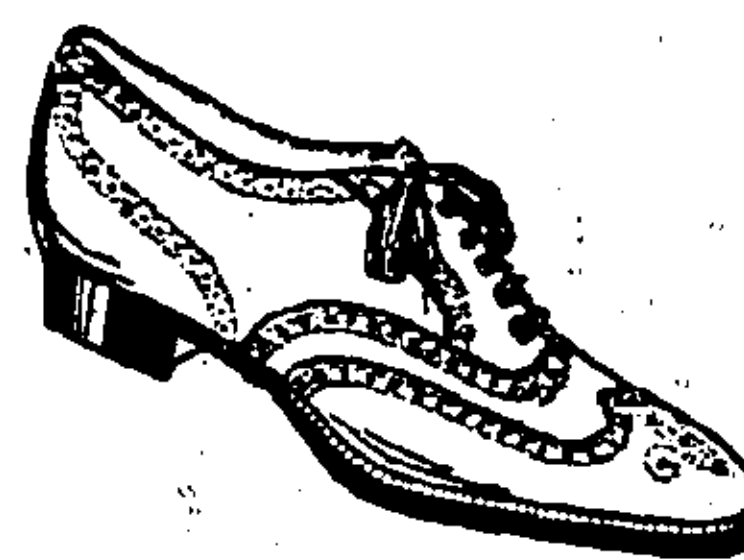
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COMMAND.

H.E. the Officer Administering
the Government has granted six
months leave to Mr. F. C. Jenkin,
D.S.P.R., and has directed that
Mr. J. W. Franks, A.S.P.R., and
2nd in Command, shall take
command of the Police Reserve
Force during such leave or until
further orders. Above to take
effect as from February 17th.

INSPECTION.

All ranks except Mounted
Police, will parade on the H. K.
Defence Corps Headquarters
Parade Ground (next Colonial
Secretary's Office) at 3.0 p.m. on
Saturday, February 15. Mounted
Police will parade as directed.

Blue Uniform, Helmets with
Spikes, Belts, Rifles.

Superintendents and Inspectors
will wear Swords and Belts.

Patrolmen on duty and General
Exempts will attend.

COMPANY AND PLATOON PARADES.
Central Station, 5.30 p.m.
Uniform, Helmets with Spikes
(not Caps as previously ordered),
Belts and Rifles. General Ex-
empts will attend.

Monday, February 10th.—No.
2 Company.

Tuesday, February 11th.—
Ambulance Platoon with wheeled
Ambulances.

ASSEMBLIES.

All Absentees from parades of
units ordered for February 5th,
7th, and 10th will attend at
Central at 5.30 p.m. on Wednes-
day, February 12th. Dress, as
above.

SEPERINTENDENTS, INSPECTORS
AND UNIT COMMANDERS.

All Superintendents, Inspectors
and Unit Commanders will attend
at H. Q. Office on Thursday,
February 13th, at 6 p.m.

BAND PRACTICE.

Friday, February 14th at 8
p.m. The practice ordered for
Tuesday, February 11th is can-
celled.

SHAMEEN NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

The Japanese affair which
resulted in sampan No. 17 C
being capsized has been settled
amicably, the Mitsui Co. making
a payment clearing all claims of
\$100.00.

GOLFING.

The tombstone Competition and
the boggy competition held dur-
ing the Chinese New Year
Vacation at the Tungshan Golf
Links produced good sport. For
the Tombstone event on
February 1, 21, members put
in cards, each player taking
the number of strokes for
boggy plus his own handicap
number playing same to a finish.
Mr. C. E. Watson proved to be
the winner playing short of the
19th hole. Mr. W. M. Stratton
was runner up by completing the
18th hole.

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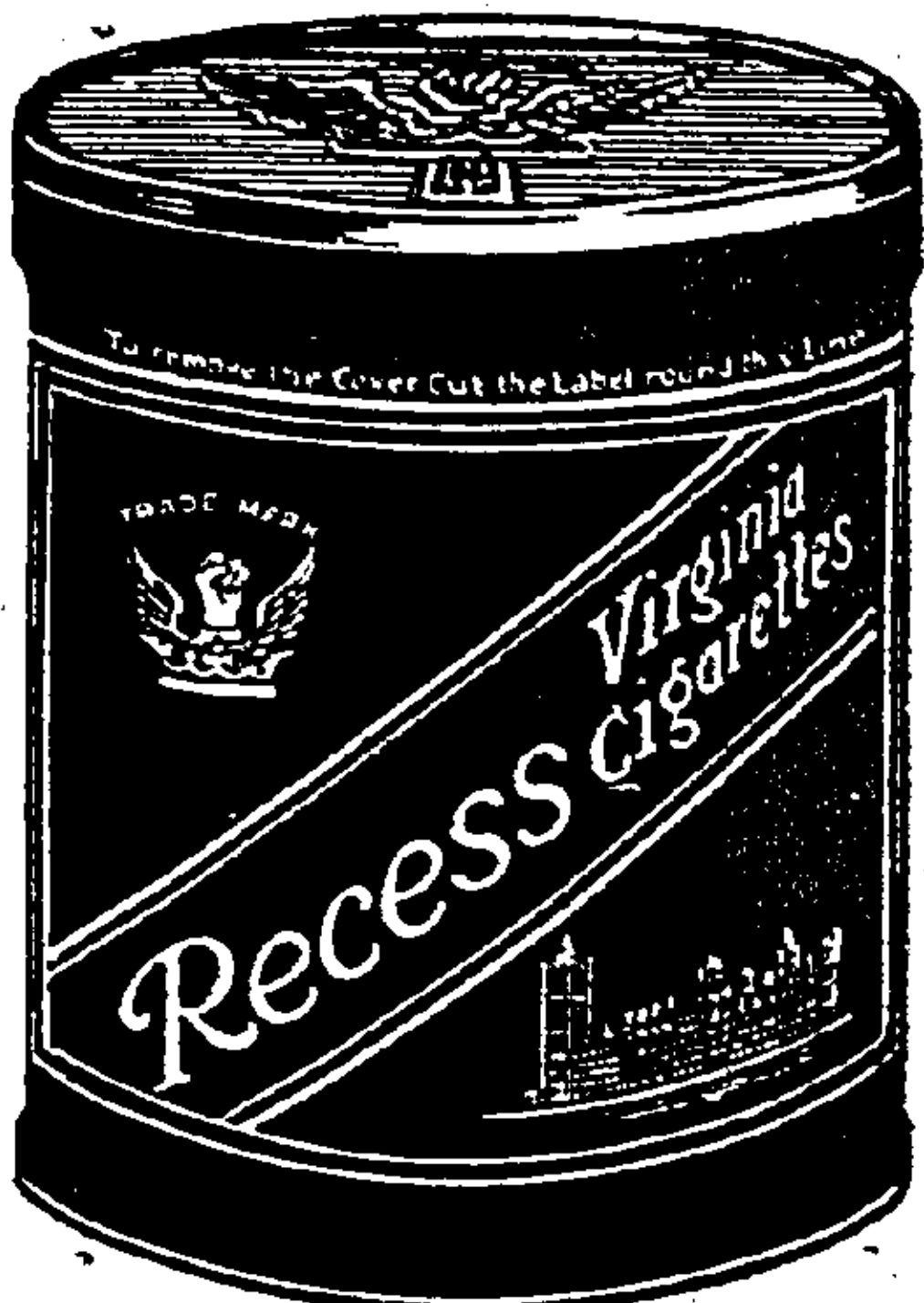
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THE Steamship

"CHINA"

Having arrived, from the
above ports, consignees of
cargo are hereby notified to
send in their Bills of Lading
duly endorsed for counter-
signature and take immediate
delivery of their cargo from
ship's side.

Cargo impeding discharge will
be landed immediately, and
cargo remaining on board on and
after Tuesday, 4th Feb. 1919 noon,
will be landed & stored at con-
signee's risk and expense. Cargo
undelivered on and after 8th Feb.
1919 will be subject to rent.

All chafed, broken and damaged
goods will be landed in the
Company's Godown where they
will be examined on Saturday
8th, inst. at 10 a.m.

No claim will be recognised
after the goods have left the
ship's side and or Company's
lighters & Godown.

All claims against the steamer
must be presented within 15
days of the ship's arrival, other-
wise they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance whatever
will be affected.

O. H. RITTER,

Agent.

Prince's Building, Ground Floor,
Hongkong, 1st February, 1919.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP
COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

From SAN FRANCISCO,
HONOLULU, AND
SHANGHAI.

"CADDOPPEAK."

The above mentioned vessel
having arrived from the above
mentioned Ports, consignees of
cargo are hereby informed that
their cargo will be landed at
their risk into the hazardous
and/or extra hazardous Godowns
of the Hongkong and Kowloon
Wharf & Godown Co. Ltd.,
Kowloon, and stored at Con-
signee's risk.

Consignees of cargo are hereby
notified that they must produce
an Import Permit signed by the
Superintendent of Imports &
Exports, Hongkong, before Bills
of Lading can be countersigned.

All broken, chafed and dam-
aged goods are to be left in the
Godowns, where they will be ex-
amined on the 10th February
1919 at 10 a.m.

All claims must be presented
within a month of the steamer's
arrival here, after which they
cannot be recognised.

No claims will be admitted
after the goods have left the
Godowns and all goods remaining
undelivered after February 11th
1919, will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance whatever
will be effected.

Consignees are requested to
send in their Bills of Lading for
counter-signature immediately.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP
COMPANY.

Alexandra Buildings.

Hongkong, 4th February, 1919.

WEATHER REPORT.

February 7d. 11th. 8th. No return
from Japan. Weather. Pressure has
decreased slightly to moderately at all
reporting stations; the anticyclone con-
tinues to move eastward.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours
ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch.
Total since January 1st 1.14 inch as
against an average of 1.89 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS
ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District Forecast.

District	Forecast
Hongkong & Kowloon	N.E. wind, fresh; cloudy generally, some rain.
Formosa Channel	The same as No. 1.
South coast of China bet. H.K. and Lamooche	The same as No. 1.
South coast of China bet. H.K. and Hainan	The same as No. 1.

C. W. JEFFRIES, Chief Assistant,
Hongkong Observatory, Feb. 7, 1919.

METEOROLOGICAL.

Previous	Day	On date	On date
Barometer	30.19	30.20	30.13
Temperature	59	61	63
Humidity	72	80	69
Wind Direction	N.E.	E.	E.
Force	3	3	4
Weather	0	0	0
Rain	0.00	0.00	0.00
Height of sun at 12 noon on the 1st to 10th			

H.K. Observatory, Feb. 7, 1919.
T. P. CLAXTON, Director.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

VICTORIA THEATRE.

7th. 8th. & 9th. February

9.15 P.M.

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CHINESE CUSTOMS.

OUTDOOR STAFF DEMANDS
BETTER CONDITIONS.

[By Courtesy of the South China
Morning Post.]

Shanghai, Feb. 6.

The Outdoor Staff of the
Chinese Customs have held a
mass meeting at which it was
decided to demand improved
working conditions including in-
creased pay, the revision of the
superannuation scheme, home
leave and allowances. Plans for
a permanent organisation of the
Customs Staff were also discussed.

SALT GABELLE.

ALLEGED "SQUEEZE" BY
CUSTOMS OFFICIALS.

[By Courtesy of the South China
Morning Post.]

Shanghai, Feb. 6.

The North China Daily News in
a leading article, brings a charge
of the existence of a system of
"squeeze" from the salt mer-
chants, by the Chinese Customs
officials of the Salt Gabelle and
states that a secret order exists
which establishes the demand of
a large fee for the inspection of
licences, which is unknown to
the foreign officials.

SHIPPING.

VESSELS ARRIVED.

February 6.

Haitan, 1183, Br., Capt. Hodgins, Fac-
chow. Douglas. — Coing.
— Wharf.
Kif ng, 927, Br., Capt. Cogar, Canton.
B. & S. — Mooring—C36.
Tebang, 1228, Br., Capt. Jocer, Bombay.
B. & S. — Mooring—C44.
Nipso, 1228, Br., Capt. Fize, Wuhu.
B. & S. — Mooring—C17.
Hin Chang, 1929, Capt. Gill, Calcutta.
J. M. — Mooring—B19.
Harasmi, 2073, Am., Capt. Lennet,
Saigon. Yee Sang Fat. — Mooring—
A6.
Nia jo Maru, 842, Jap., Capt. Toge, Hai-
phong. Fukukawa. — Mooring—
C0.

Takeno M., 819, Jap., Capt. Ogawa, Bang-
kok. M. P. K. — Mooring—C43.
Yung Shin, 999, Ch., Capt. Jocer, Saigon.
Chap Cheong. — Mooring—C39.
Kit a., 124, Ch., Capt. Lau Kam Lee,
Swatow. Kwok Fuk Cheong. —
Mooring—Wanchai.

February 7.

Hok Canton, 558, Br., Capt. Sparks,
Swatow. Yai Hing.
Tientsin, 1217, Br., Capt. Bithle, Saigon.
B. & S. — Mooring—C17.
Kichiang, 1224, Br., Capt. Proctor, Can-
ton. B. & S. — Mooring—C15.
Ching Chow, 1191, Br., Capt. Dyle,
Saigon. S. Tones. — Mooring—
C19.

Brisbane, 716, Br., Capt. McLellan, Hai-
phong. Card Clark. — Mooring—
C38.
Wing Sang, 1517, Br., Capt. Christie,
Canton. J. M. — Mooring—B5.
Grotius, 3287, Dutch, Capt. Albers,
Batavia. J. C. J. L. — Mooring—
A9.

Mikuni Maru, 574, Jap., Capt. Kawaguchi,
Waka. Suzuki. — Mooring—
B24.

Borneo Maru, 4258, Jap., Capt. Tashiro,
Kobe. O.S.K. — Mooring—A29.
Kenkon Maru, 4661, Jap., Kobe. O.S.K. —
Mooring—K. Wharf.

Uwajima Maru, 583, Jap., Capt. Masuda,
Kobe. Y. S. S.

Ka'j, Maru, 1136, Jap., Capt. E.awa,
Swatow. O. S. K. — Mooring—
— Wharf.

Shinfoo, 1856, Ch., Capt. Hse ol, Shang-
hai.

Tong Lee, 832, Ch., Capt. Iwamoto,
Bangkok. K. N. Sing. — Mooring—
C41.

Nam Kam, 943, Ch., Capt. Tikiwell,
Hankow. Wo Fat. — Mooring—
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N'a for S a-baya
Halmum for Singapore
Hanoi for Paphos
Ningpo for Canton
Sunning for Shanghai
Toro Maru for Singapore
Kaifong for Haiphong
Shun Shing for K. O. Wan
Hanyang for Mooto
Nimbo Maru for Yokohama
Banyak for Manila

February 8.

Hok Canton for Quinhod
Yuen Shin for Saigon
Lungtung for Manila
Sung Maru for Bangkok
Famington for Saigon
Grotius for Seattle